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ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Central assistance provided to various States especially Jharkhand for different development projects remained unutilized during the last financial year;

(b) If so, the State-wise details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the unutilized amount has been reallocated during the current financial year 2006-2007; and

(d) If so, the additional amount allocated to Jharkhand during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Planning Commission does not provide project-wise Central assistance to the States including Jharkhand while approving the Annual Plan. The size of the Annual Plan of States which basically consist of States own resources and Central assistance is decided by the Planning Commission after detailed discussions with the State Governments and assessment of resource availability. Sectoral distribution of the Annual Plan outlay is made by the State Governments after Working Group discussions with the various subject matter Divisions. The Sectoral expenditure of the previous year of the States is normally made available to Planning Commission in their Draft Annual Plan Document of the next year during the month of November-December.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d): An amount of Rs. 35 crores has been provided as One Time Additional Central Assistance while finalising the Annual Plan 2006-07 to Government of Jharkhand for taking up projects of special importance.